THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE K.C. BHANU

W.P. No. 22107 of 2005

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Dated: 07.10.2005

Between:-

M/s Victory Recreation Society, Gowrygudem village,

Sathupally mandal, Khammam District, represented by its

General Secretary Veerapaneni Madhava Rao.

…Petitioner

And

The Superintendent of Police, Khammam District,

Khammam and another.

…Respondents

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This writ petition is filed seeking writ of Mandamus directing the respondents forbear from interfering with the activities of the petitioner particularly the conduct of card

room by the petitioner where the members and guests of the petitioner are allowed to play the game of rummy (13 card game) with stakes and syndicates.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Home.

The question raised in this writ petition is squarely covered by Judgment of a Division Bench of this Court in Twin Cities Cinema Cultural Centre Vs. Commissioner of Police wherein it was held:

> "Therefore, the police authorities cannot obstruct the writ petitioner-club from conducting card room where the members and guests of the writ petitioner's cultural center are allowed to play the game of rummy with stakes/syndicate (13 card game). At the same time, we make it clear that the police is always at liberty to enter the premises and check as to whether the cultural center of the club is conducting card room where the members and guests of the petitioner's cultural center are playing the game of rummy with stakes/syndicate (13 card game) for the purpose of verification. If they receive any intimation, the police may enter the club and verify the same and proceed further if the members and guests of writ petitioner's cultural center play other than the game of rummy with stakes/syndicate (13 card game). The police authorities are also at liberty to proceed with the cases, which are already registered."

Following the same, the present writ petition is also disposed of in the above terms. No order as to costs.

K.C. BHANU, J

7th October, 2005

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